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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED

Project reviews completed from February 15 to March 15 are listed below. These projects have been screened through the internal environmental review process for potential impacts on wetlands, threatened and endangered species, and cultural and archaeological resources, etc. Through the review process it was determined that environmental impacts have been kept to a minimum and mitigated as necessary, that they do not meet the criteria for significant actions as defined in the environmental review process, and may proceed. All of these projects are in compliance with the Endangered Species Protection Act, Natural Areas Preservation Act, Interagency Wetlands Policy Act and cultural resource statutes.

• Kickapoo State Park

0603676 - This project involves the removal of dead or dying pines and under story exotics such as bush honeysuckle and multiflora rose from approximately 5 acres of land adjacent to Middle Fork Nature Preserve. Project was submitted for review on 2-27-06.

• Fox Ridge State Park

0603453 - This project involves the excavation of approximately 2000 cubic yards of soil from an area south of the campground and west of Wilderness Pond to be used as fill material for the dam and spillway reconstruction project at the site. Project was submitted for review on 1-3-06.

Kickapoo State Recreation Area

0603698 - This project involves the creation of 1-3 vernal ponds at the site by scraping 10" - 12" of surface soil over an area of approximately 1000 square feet and removing existing drainage tiles in the area. Project was submitted for review on 3-1-06.

I&M Canal

0603822 - This project involves the installation of a 4" pvc pipeline by directional bore under the Canal to carry a brine discharge to the Illinois River. Project was submitted for review on 3-5-06.

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0603820 - This project involves the installation of approximately 246' of 36" sanitary sewer line under the Canal by directional boring. Project was submitted for

review on3-5-06.

Primm's Pond Stewardship Park

0603807 - This project involves the construction of a 12' wide, 8,850' long disked firebreak along the eastern boundary of the newly acquired IDNR tract at the former Savanna Army Depot. Project was submitted for review on 2-21-06.

• Franklin Creek State Natural Area

0603818 - This project involves the construction of a new handicap accessible fishing pier and partial shelter on the lake. Additional work items include site grading and installation of base rock and a concrete walkway/trail. Project was submitted for review on 2-22-06.

Moraine View State Park

0603828 - This project involves the removal and replacement of the drains on the Bane, Virgil, and Shoemaker rearing ponds at the site. Project was submitted for review on 2-10-06.

• Cypress Pond State Natural Area

0603842 - This project involves the installation of a 15' wide foot trail through upland hardwoods for hunter/hiker access. The trail will also serve as a secondary firebreak to protect private lands during prescribed burns on the natural area. Project was submitted for review on 2-22-06.

• Double T State Fish & Wildlife Area

0603819 - This project involves the construction of five wetlands in the east central area of the F&WA. Project was submitted for review on 1-21-06.

Hennepin Canal Parkway

0604237 - This project involves removing dumped trash and overgrown brush from a berm area and reshaping it to allow maintenance mowing and the creation of a small picnic area.. Project was submitted for review on 3-10-06.

Momence Wetlands

0603809 - This project involves the reconstruction of an existing boat access at the River Isle area of the Wetlands. Work items include a new single lane boat ramp, gangway, floating dock sections, parking spaces for 15 - 20 vehicles, sidewalks, and security lighting. Project was submitted for review on 2-17-06.

Questions and Comments

All questions and comments about the environmental review process or this newsletter should be directed to:

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